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DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

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Face Covering Do's and Don'ts

Headed out for groceries or medicine? Here are the do's and don'ts of wearing cloth face coverings.

Wearing a cloth face covering CORRECTLY can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others. When you go out on essential trips, follow these "do's".

**If you have a child, remember those under age 2 should not wear a face covering. **

[Read more](#)

Face Covering Do's and Don'ts:

DO:

- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

DON'T:

- ✗ Use on children under age 2
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) intended for healthcare workers

 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Loudoun Residents Prove Generous in Donating Personal Protective Equipment; Need Continues

Personal Protective Equipment



- > Make a donation
- > Make a request

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loudoun.gov/PPE

Loudoun County residents have responded generously to the county government's call for donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need.

The need for PPE in our region continues. Any donated supplies may be opened, but must be unused. Individuals and organizations with personal protective equipment to

donate should submit an online form with details about the available equipment at loudoun.gov/ppe.

Equipment Requests

The county is also fielding requests from Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need of personal protective equipment. Requests can be made through a form online at loudoun.gov/ppe.

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Coronavirus Rumor Control

As the United States Department of Defense assists in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's also important to help distinguish between rumors and facts.



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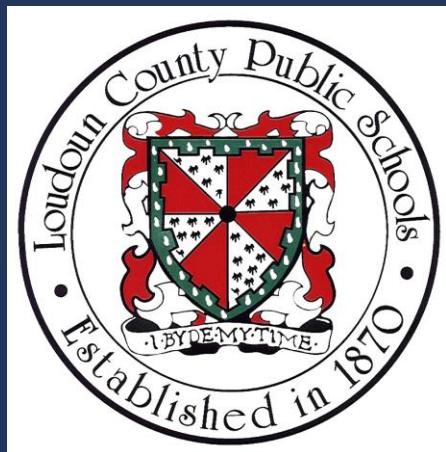
Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis, and we can stop the spread of disinformation by always choosing trusted sources of information such as:

- www.coronavirus.gov
- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- www.usa.gov/coronavirus
- www.defense.gov/coronavirus

State and local government official websites or social media accounts are also good sources for instruction and information specific to your community. Check out the myth-busting section below to separate fact from fiction.

[Read More about Myths vs Facts](#)

Details on LCPS COVID-19 Resources & Services



Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) Assistant Superintendent for Support Services Kevin Lewis detailed some of the COVID-19-related services the school division has performed for the community during Tuesday's School Board meeting.

LCPS Support Services staff (School Nutrition, Transportation, Planning, Management & Coordination/Distribution Center) have initiated a collaboration among organizations serving Loudoun's food-insecure residents to coordinate deliveries

and monitor food availability.

[View the Full Article](#)

Virginia Announces Changes in Unemployment Insurance Program as a Result of the Federal CARES Act

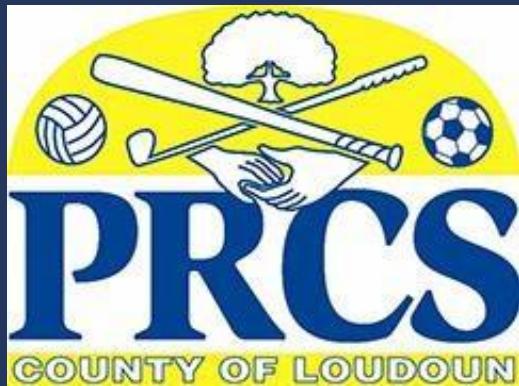
The CARES Act provides increased benefits for workers collecting unemployment insurance by \$600 for claims effective March 29th until July 31st. Increased benefits for eligible claimants under traditional unemployment insurance will start to be paid as soon as next week.



The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) recently received guidance from the United States Department of Labor and is working to implement needed system changes to make this happen as soon as possible. Payments to eligible claimants will be retroactive and will be made automatically in conjunction with their weekly claim.

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How PRCS is Connecting with Loudoun



We want to provide a few highlights on how PRCS is connecting with Loudoun:

Loudoun County AAA/Senior Center staff are making daily birthday calls as outreach to their membership. They also created a list of highest risk seniors and contact them for weekly check-in providing reminders on safety, uplifting messages and stories, timely messages about topics like women's history

month and poetry month, home delivered meals, and wellness.

They have created Zoom activities (sing-a-long, bingo, and joke hour) and exercise classes and emailed activity packets to families. They are working with colleagues to host a virtual monthly caregiver support group.

At Loudoun Valley Community Center they have developed a "Stories from School Street" video campaign where preschool staff, and admin staff read a story, do a project, or sign a sing-a-long. This has had tremendous success since implementing the program on [the PRCS Facebook page](#) on March 24 with 2,519

post engagements, and in just the last week, over 8,521 views on the videos. They have worked with their fitness instructors to provide daily Facebook Live fitness classes such as boot-camp.

Thank you PRCS and great job keeping people engaged!

Here Comes the Bus® Available on Monday, April 13

Here Comes the Bus® is an easy-to-use mobile app and website that uses GPS tracking information to allow parents to see when their child's bus is arriving. The program is easy to follow, has a customizable map and works on a computer, tablet or smartphone, allowing parents to see where the bus is and how close it is to the child's stop.

With Here Comes the Bus® parents can:

- Get real-time bus location information
- Track multiple buses at one time



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Virginia Hospital COVID-19 Dashboard



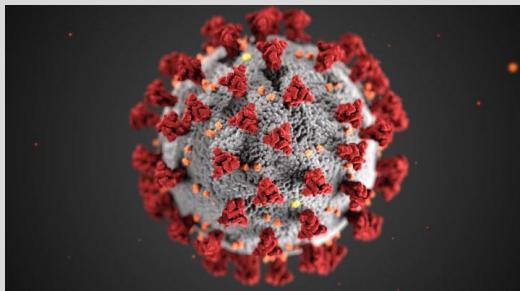
With the support of hospital members, the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA) has launched a new [online data dashboard](#) to provide up-to-date statistics on the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations across the Commonwealth, ventilator usage, current hospital bed availability, and metrics on the number of hospitals experiencing challenges obtaining or replenishing critical inventories of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other needed medical supplies.

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Stay Informed!

Keeping with the Board of Supervisors' policy, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board's [advisory boards, commissions and committees](#) are canceled while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. The county will provide updated information on meeting status as this rapidly evolving situation continues. For the most current schedule, please visit loudoun.gov/calendar.



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.



Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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